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WILL JORDAN IS ON TRIAL

One of the Gang of Freight Car Thieves.

CAUGHT BY THE SHERIFF

Testified He Was Offered His Liberty to Turn State's Evidence—Thomas H. Brasliff Got Verdict for \$2,500.

Will Jordan was placed on trial in the criminal court yesterday on a charge of grand larceny.

Jordan is one of six negroes who were arrested by Chief Deputy Sheriff Robt. Warnock and Deputy Ball on a charge of stealing goods from Louisville and Nashville cars. A quantity of goods were recovered, consisting of clothing, silverware, guns, jewelry, musical instruments, etc., which is now in the hands of the sheriff.

Jordan is represented by Attorney B. M. Allen and the state by Assistant Solicitor Hugh Morrow.

A quantity of goods were found in Jordan's house, which he claims to have purchased.

The defendant was placed upon the stand and swore that he had been solicited to turn state's evidence against the other prisoners under promise of being turned loose, which he says he declined to do.

The case was still on trial when court adjourned and will be resumed this morning.

In the Circuit Court.

The case of Thomas H. Brasliff vs. the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Railroad company, damages, which was on trial, was decided in favor of the plaintiff, the jury returning a verdict for \$2,500.

The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 for the loss of a leg, which was cut off about three years ago at Palms.

The case went to trial in 1896 and resulted in a verdict for the defendant, which was reversed and remanded on an appeal to the supreme court.

The case of Bailey, McConnell & Howard vs. G. W. Ratliff, assumpsit, was taken up and is on trial.

In the City Court.

In the city court yesterday the case of Dennis J. Kelley vs. the Mabel Mining company, which was taken up Monday afternoon, was dismissed by the plaintiff.

The case of Bessie Clarke vs. C. C. Bates, damages, was also dismissed.

Sallie M. Stinson vs. Catherine McAnally and J. M. McIlham, damages, continued.

Alabama National bank vs. H. A. and C. A. McDaniel, assumpsit, continued.

E. H. Filton, doing business as the Link Shoe company, vs. the Birmingham Shoe company, attachment; judgment for plaintiff for \$148.71.

In the second division the case of the Stowers Furniture company vs. L. B. Evans, defendant, and the Pearson Coal and Iron company, garnishee, judgment was rendered for plaintiff for \$11.60.

Bunkofer & Co. vs. A. L. Eaton; judgment for plaintiff for \$136.

The case of John Nations vs. Rufus DeShazo, as administrator of John Caldwell, assumpsit, was dismissed.

BESSIE COX MINING COMPANY;

Will Send Representatives From Birmingham to the Klondike.

Application for articles of incorporation have been filed in the probate office for the Bessie Cox Gold Mining and Prospecting company, with a capital stock of \$2,500.

John H. Cox, A. S. Clyce, M. J. Gregg, W. F. Clarke, W. Sencerbox and W. K. Atkinson are named as subscribers. The principal place of business will be Birmingham.

The new company will send a party to the Klondike, and has been named in honor of Miss Bessie Cox, the charming daughter of John H. Cox, one of the promoters.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

THREE UNRULY MEMBERS

It Is Said Block Police Commission Meetings.

EMIL LESSER SPEAKS OUT

Says He Won't Attend Until Appointments Are Made—The Three Think New Members Should Help Elect Chairman.

Repeated efforts to hold a meeting of the board of police commissioners since Jan. 1, when the terms of Chairman Stevens and Commissioner Reynolds expired by limitation, have met with signal failure. And thereby hangs a tale.

Under the law creating the board of police commissioners, the members hold over until their successors have been duly named and installed.

At the last meeting in each year it is the duty of the board to elect a chairman to preside over its deliberations.

The fact that such action would come up before the meeting is said to be "the nigger in the woodpile," it being claimed by certain members of the board that the new commissioner should be given a voice in the matter.

It is said that a faction of the board is anxious to hold a meeting and proceed with the business that comes before it as if nothing had happened.

The board, it is claimed, is divided on this question, and each call for a meeting has been met with empty chairs on the part of some of the members.

Of course this is only a difference of opinion, but it is said that three of the commissioners will decline to heed any call until the governor announces the new appointments, and the unanimity with which this action has been carried out gives credence to the rumor.

Commissioner Lesser said to an Age-Herald reporter last night that he would not attend a meeting of the board until the new commissioners had been announced, and although he was not authorized to speak for Messrs. Lane and Garrett, thought they would do likewise.

Gov. Johnston seems to be in no hurry in making the appointments, and in the meantime friends of the various candidates are kept in suspense.

It is now said that Webb Crawford has given up his chances and is working in favor of Former Mayor Dave Fox. This may have some weight, and the knowing ones say will cause Mr. Fox's appointment.

MEXICO WANTS PIPE

An Inquiry Received by the Mayor From San Juan De Le Trau.

Birmingham's reputation as an iron market is known far and wide, and inquiries are constantly being made concerning certain articles of manufacture.

Mayor Evans yesterday received the following letter, which has been turned over to the Commercial club:

The American Commission Company, San Juan De Le Trau No. 4, Mexico, D. F., Jan. 14, 1898.

Mayor of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.—

Dear Sir: We are in the market for cast and wrought iron sewer pipe, and if there is a factory for such goods in your city, you would confer a favor by handing this letter to such factory with the request that we be furnished with best prices, weights, discounts, etc.

Thanking you in advance, we are yours very truly,

THE AMERICAN COMMISSION CO.

Mayor Evans will turn the letter over to the Commercial club.

METHODIST COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

Rev. Tierce Resigned as Agent and His Successor Chosen.

The North Alabama Methodist college committee was in session in this city yesterday. There were present: Dr. Anson West, of Decatur, president; Dr. Z. A. Parker, Athens; S. P. J. Brandon, Jacksonville; J. S. Robertson, Gadsden; E. N. Glenn, Atlanta; J. W. Reid and H. J. Davis, Birmingham; J. S. Glasgow, Blountsville, and I. L. Melton, Piedmont.

The agent of the college, Rev. J. K. Tierce, resigned. No reason was assigned for the resignation. Resolutions were adopted thanking Mr. Tierce for the splendid work he had done for the college. Rev. S. W. Brandon, pastor of the Woodlawn Methodist church, was elected to succeed him. Dr. West was requested to ask of the bishop the appointment of Mr. Brandon to the agency.

The affairs of the committee in charge of the college being built at Owenton were found to be in a most encouraging condition. Funds and material are constantly being secured. The building committee is pushing the work of construction, and it is confidently expected that the college doors will be opened for students in September next.

It was the sentiment of the committee that all the financial and moral support possible be obtained from the citizens of Birmingham.

All bills against the committee have been paid promptly as they were due and as they were presented.

Elks Have Returned.

The special committee of the local lodge of Elks who went to New Orleans last Friday have returned, some of them arriving Monday afternoon, but most of them early yesterday morning. This committee went to make arrangements for the accommodation and entertainment of the Birmingham lodge, which will attend in a body the grand reunion to be held there on May 10. The entire third floor of the St. Charles hotel was engaged, and Birmingham's 200 delegates will have the exclusive use of that floor. They will have parlors, reception rooms, and it is needless to say that they will put up a good show.

Engineer Stribbling Just Alive
Engineer Stribbling, who was injured in a wreck on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham railroad, near Cordova, on Monday evening, and was brought to this city and taken to the Hillman hospital, was reported as just alive at a late hour last night.

BURGLARS GART STUFF OFF IN WAGONS

While the Sun Was Yet Bright—Footpads Hold Up a German and Rob Him in Open Daylight.

George Raps' Residence Entered By Burglars Bold.

THE POLICE WERE THREE WEEKS

Getting Next, and Then Learned It From the Mouths of Babes—The Same Old Story, No Arrests.

Burglars bold with a two-horse wagon load of plunder drove gaily down the street one day some weeks ago. The sun was shining and the burglars sat mounted on the seat with the sangfroid of an ice wagon driver as they carted off a lot of household stuff belonging to George Raps, who, when in the city, is domiciled with his family in a frame building at Eighteenth street and Tenth avenue.

The burglars bold are still in the cold; they haven't been brought into the fold. They may be brought into the city hall annex when the police are next. The police are yet in the cold; they have been sold, and the story is racy when told.

It was a hard rap when Raps' plunder was carted away on a crisp winter day. Rap, very unluckily, with his family left the city to take a vacation. Raps tapped the doors to see if they were secure, and would, while he was absent, endure. Of a guardian he never once thought, for did he not know that Birmingham was a metropolitan city, with policemen as brave as Mr. Burglar ever dared to be.

But Raps was fooled for once, and when he returns he will have to pay a house furnishing dealer a good round sum before he can live comfortably. His first night in his Eighteenth street residence will be very much like the home where the unsophisticated wife displays her handiwork in improvising furniture. For a bed he will find the floor; for pictures he will find the bare walls, and all this through the craft of the Birmingham burglar, who winks the other eye while policemen are telling their chief how it was done.

One nice day the burglars, with a wagon, drove into the alley adjoining Raps' residence. Possibly they rapped on the door and found no one at home. Then they made bold to enter. Bedding, bric-a-brac, everything in sight was booty for the burglars.

These burglars have up-to-date methods; it is no longer a sack for the "swag." It is a wagon. And they made more than one trip, for Raps was a well-to-do gentleman, and one wagon would not accommodate his belongings. It is possible that they made several trips.

It was only last week that some little children while at play discovered what Birmingham's guardians of the peace would have given half their lives to have been the first to see. These little toddlers remembered the blue-coat, for they had seen them in the parks while with nurse, and that dignitary had explained the power of the big thief takers. In search of a police they went. They ran and they ran on. Every man with a suit of clothes resembling blue in the least was accosted, and still the children ran, with the strongest setting the pace. The mighty army blowing in union shook the building unto trembling, and still the children ran for the brave rescuer—the blue-coat. When their sweet little tongues were rolling out they crossed the railroad tracks and, after a journey toward the South Highlands, they hove in sight of a long blue coat, big feet, a "billy" and a helmet standing in front of a saloon.

The Birmingham brave nestled them under his giant arms while the kids told the story of burglars bold, who in Birmingham on a wintry day carted away Raps' plunder. He bent his ear and at times the children trembled as they told how it happened, and the police were three weeks in hearing of it.

The same old story—no arrests.

WEATHER Milder.

Jacobs Says He Intends to Save the Fruit, But Will Give It Plenty of Spice.

The weather guesser had a little more change yesterday and he made the weather a little milder, the lowest the mercury went was 34, liking 2 degrees of freezing.

"Nothing like a change," said Jacobs; "we are not going to kill the fruit, but we will give 'em plenty of spice." Here is his record for the day:

DAILY BULLETIN.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 18, 1898.

Local observation during twenty-four hours ending at 7 p. m.—central time:

Time	Temp.	Direction of wind.	Weather	Rain Fall
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8 a. m. 39 NE Cloudy .0

12 m. 52 SE Cloudy .0

7 p. m. 49 SE Clear .0

Highest temperature—51. Lowest temperature—34. Average 43.

Ben M. Jacobs, Local Observer.

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A Cullman Farmer, While Out For a Stroll,

MET SOME BURLY NEGROES

Who Took His Money and His Shoes—He Finally Held Them at Bay With An Axe—No Arrests.

Peter Henrich, a German farmer from Cullman, tells a harrowing tale of assault and ill-treatment at the hands of a gang of burly negroes while walking along the streets of this city at midday yesterday.

Henrich claims to be a farmer at Cullman, and says that he arrived in Birmingham on Monday afternoon and decided to look around.

Being a stranger in the city, he was not acquainted with the localities, and was unable to describe or tell the section of the city in which the assault occurred.

Yesterday morning he started out on a tour of inspection, and says that he crossed the railroads, and was presumably on the South Side. After walking about fifteen blocks, he was accosted by a negro woman, who tried to induce him to enter her house, which he declined to do. After walking a few steps, he says that several negro men came out of the house, seized hold of him and dragged him into the shanty, and proceeded to go through his pockets, robbing him of \$3 or \$10 in cash.

Held at Bay With an Axe.

They then divested him of his shoes, and were about to take his overcoat, when his eyes fell upon an axe, which stood in a corner of the room. Suddenly jerking away from his assailants, he seized the axe and ordered them to stand back. With the keen-edged instrument, which served as a weapon of defense, he succeeded in keeping the robbers at bay, and gained the doorway, beating a hasty retreat from the premises. As soon as he got outside the door was slammed.

Henrich, who speaks a broken English, was greatly excited and tried to explain his situation to several persons, who did not seem to understand the gravity of the assault that had been made upon him. He was furnished with an old pair of shoes by a negro woman and found his way back to the union depot where he again told his tale to several persons. Finally it reached the ears of Stationmaster McGlemery, who called the attention of the police to the robbery. Henrich's inability to describe the location where the assault occurred made it hard work to find a clue to the perpetrators of the bold attack.

In a Sad Flight

The man has every appearance of being honest and tells his story in truthful manner. He says that six or eight negroes were in the house, and that he was powerless to resist until he got possession of the axe.

As he stood in the waiting room at the union depot last night he was a picture of despair, not having money to purchase a return ticket to Cullman, and tears trickled down his cheeks as he told of his sad plight. Policeman Eagan and Night Stationmaster Powell referred him to Alderman Rambow and Mr. Lesser, who took him in charge and furnished him with a ticket to his home.

The robbery is one of the boldest that has ever occurred in Birmingham. No arrests have been made.

SINGLETON SAW HIS VALISE

In the Hands of a Negro and Pointed Him Out to a Policeman.

J. M. McGlawn is in the city prison, charged with stealing a valise from the union depot. When arrested he was diked out in a suit of clothes which was in the valise when stolen, and was followed by a negro who carried the coveted grip.

The valise was the property of C. C. Singleton of Atlanta, and was taken from the waiting room at the union station between 6 and 7 o'clock Monday morning. Singleton, who is still in the city, approached Policeman Patton yesterday afternoon and pointed out a negro who was waiting on the corner with a valise in his hand, stating that it was very much like his. In a few minutes a neatly dressed man emerged from a neighboring saloon and beckoned the negro to follow him. As he started up the street he was placed under arrest by the policeman, and in company with Sergeant Donaldson marched his man to headquarters.

McGlawn at first denied any knowledge of the missing valise, but finally said that his valise had been taken from the depot and that he had gone back and taken this one. He was dressed in a fine suit of clothes that had been taken from the satchel, where his old ones were found. An umbrella was strapped to the valise, in which was printed the name of C. C. Singleton. A transformation scene took place when he donned himself of the stolen suit and substituted his own garments. He will be given a hearing before Judge Feagin this morning.

18,938 Has Not Shown Up.

An error occurred in the story yesterday morning in connection with the handsome ponies and trap offered by Louis Saks, the First Avenue merchant. Miss Anderson did not win the ponies and trap, but drew the lucky number from the basket. The number was 18,938 and no one in the crowd around the window held it. The one who holds the number can get the prize by presenting it at Saks' store.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla at this season to guard the system against pneumonia and fevers.

Parties who signed the Street Sprinkling Contract with me for the year 1898, are hereby given notice that I have sold and transferred said contracts to Pratt & Malone.

J. C. PRICE

LIBERAL REWARD.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—One special committee of the Board of Aldermen, sent out in search of cheaper and better water for Birmingham. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to its discovery. Address

A WEARY CONSUMER, This office.

ANOTHER ELECTION PROBABLE.

Gen. Clarke Says the Ballots Were Not in Conformity With the Rules.

All the ballots in the election which occurred in the Third Infantry last Saturday have been received at headquarters, and it is possible that another election may be necessary.

Gen. Clark last night made a statement to an Age-Herald reporter that the ballots were very irregular, and that nothing would be done until the return of Col. R. F. Ligon, the adjutant-general, from Tampa, when they will be opened and counted by Gov. Johnston, Gen. Clark and Col. Ligon.

These ballots were not cast in conformity with general orders No. 12, and this irregularity may necessitate another election. If so, the same bitter contest must be fought over again.

Both the Herzberg and the Valden factions are still claiming the victory, but it is a bluff on the part of each, as neither side can more than guess at the result.

According to the orders which were issued to the Second Infantry some time ago, an election will be held on Jan. 25 to elect a lieutenant-colonel to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Col. H. B. Foster, of Tuscaloosa.

This election also promises to be a very exciting and interesting one.

The candidates are Major Stout, of Montgomery, and Col. F. L. Demore, of this city, commissary on Col. Clark's staff. Both men have their supporters, the Birmingham officers favoring Demore and the Montgomarians being equally ardent in their support of Stout.

PERSONAL.

W. M. Sommers, of Lamar, is in the city. Walter McSmith, of Vernon, is at the Morris.

REX VULCAN WAS SELECTED

After a Tedious Canvass of Twenty-Six Applicants.

IS A PROMINENT CITIZEN

But His Identity Will Be a Secret Profound Until He Unmasks At the Great Rex Ball.

Rex Vulcan III. has been selected.

After a tedious session, lasting almost the entire day, the sub-committee of the committee on designs of the Carnival society, into whose hands the matter had been referred, yesterday centered upon a fit subject for the regal honor and vested him with the insignia of his exalted office.

The task was a trying one, and it was only after mature deliberation and a careful weighing of every kingly quality that the committee was able to select one from among the twenty-six candidates who aspired to the station.

The identity of his royal highness will remain a secret until surrounded by his chosen queen and the royal court at the great Rex ball on Feb. 23, when he will tear the mask from his face and everybody will know.

It is sufficient to say that a surprise is in store for the people when his identity is known.

The committee were free to say that his excellency was one of the leading men of the city and is of course a member of "one of the oldest and best families."

The king-elect will at once begin the selection of his court. It is said that his queen has already been selected, and is one of Birmingham's sweetest and prettiest daughters.

The court of Rex Vulcan III. will be strictly in keeping with the other features of the celebrations, and the costumes and equipment will be the most magnificent ever gotten up for such an occasion.

The entire arrangements are progressing smoothly, and when at last the eventful day shall have arrived Birmingham and her visitors will open their eyes in amazement at the magnificence of the carnival of 1898.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Peters and Green Comedy company opened their engagement of five nights with "Finnigan's Fortune" to a packed house. The two comedians were at their best, and with Phil Peters as the Dutchman and James Green in an Irish role, merriment was not lacking. Nettle Peters and Lillian Durham, both just as pretty and clever as ever, the Delle sisters and Peppita, in songs and dances, made the production go with plenty of ginger.

Billy Taylor made a hit with his vocal rendition, "Those Wedding Bells Shall Not Ring Out," and responded gracefully to an encore. Florence Webster in the character of an Irish woman was good. There will be a matinee each afternoon, and tonight the play will be "An Easy Place."

Tom Dixon, Jr., at Seals' hall last night verified just what Sam Jones said about him—that he was a "live wire." Dixon lectured to a large audience, every individual of which had not a fault to find.

Closing Arguments.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 18.—In the trial of Capt. Edward Murphy on the charge of filibustering Senator Gray addressed the jury for the defendant, making a strong plea for acquittal. District Attorney Van dergrift made the closing argument for the government. Judge Bradford discharged the jury until 10 a. m. tomorrow, when he will deliver his charge.

Hanged With Handkerchief.

Zanesville, O., Jan. 18.—M. J. Daugherty of Pittsburg, Pa., traveling salesman for the American Tea company of that city, hanged himself with his handkerchief in a cell in the city prison here at 11:30 o'clock today. He had been placed in prison two hours before, suffering with delirium tremens.

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REPORT OF MAYOR EVANS

Will Be a Feature of Council Meeting Tonight.

THE QUESTION OF LICENSE

Will Likely Involve Some Discussion—Probable That the Gas Company Will Ask for More Time—Vacancy Election.

The city council will convene tonight in semi-monthly meeting. Mayor Evans will submit his semi-annual report, which will be a comprehensive review of the city's affairs.

The gas matter may come up, but it is thought probable that the special committee will ask for more time, as was forecast in The Age-Herald yesterday.

Besides Mayor Evans' report, there will be several from other officers, among them that of Chief Mullen, of the fire department. There will be lots of license talk, for it is understood that the druggists and wholesale liquor dealers will enter a vigorous protest against the raise in license from \$300 to \$500.

At the last council meeting a resolution in regard to the granting of free license was passed, which requires all applicants to come before the board in open meeting and present their claims. It is likely that there will be a small army of applicants whose claims will be acted on.

Besides these and many routine matters, an interesting feature will be the election of an alderman to fill the vacancy occasioned by McMartin's resignation. It is a difficult problem to figure out the lucky man, for both Messrs. Kettig and Parker have a strong following.

It is likely that a full board will be present, when so many matters of importance are to come up.

New Manager.

T. V. Boardman, an experienced carpet man, has assumed the management of the Phoenix Carpet company, in Second avenue.

Mr. Board